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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIS Recipients

FROM : National Intelligence Survey Committee
SUBJECT : NIS User Questionnaire

1. National Intelligence Survey Program emphasis since 1963 has been on the production of the single-volume *General Survey* on all areas of national security interest. Revised periodically, the *General Survey* is supported by detailed topical units produced on a highly selective basis; it is complemented by the semiannual NIS *Basic Intelligence Factbook*, which provides interim updating of basic data for all NIS Areas.

2. The attached questionnaire is an integral part of an overall effort to assess the validity of the current NIS structure and emphasis, to ascertain the utility of the Program, and to determine how it might better serve user needs. Because the data compiled from the questionnaire will be critical to future NIS planning, please respond fully and precisely to all questions that apply to you. The completed questionnaire should be returned as soon as possible but not later than 1 March 1969 using the envelope provided.

JAMES A. BRAMMELL
Chairman
NIS Committee

Date _____

1. Agency _____

Component/location _____

Purpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research, etc.) _____

Your position (job title) _____

Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) _____

2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use? Yes No

Do you regularly use it? Yes No

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

Regular and systematic

Irregular, with some gaps

Sporadic and uncertain

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

A=Regularly B=Occasionally C=Rarely D=Never

b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

1=Planning and operations	4=General background and orientation
2=Research, analysis, and production	5=Other (specify) _____
3=Briefings	

Col. I	Col. II	Col. I	Col. II
— - - - - General Survey (check sections used most frequently)		— - - - - Telecommunications	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronology		— - - - - Population	
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction		— - - - - Characteristics of the People	
<input type="checkbox"/> Geography		— - - - - Religion, Education, and Public Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transp. and Telecom.		— - - - - Manpower	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sociological		— - - - - Health and Sanitation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Political		— - - - - Intelligence and Security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic		— - - - - Subversion and Insurgency	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		— - - - - Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces		— - - - - Fuels	
<input type="checkbox"/> Area Brief		— - - - - Electric Power	
<input type="checkbox"/> Summary Map		— - - - - Minerals and Metals	
— - - - - Basic Intelligence Factbook		— - - - - Manufacturing and Construction	
— - - - - Coasts and Landing Beaches		— - - - - Trade and Finance	
— - - - - Weather and Climate		— - - - - Armed Forces	
— - - - - Meteorological Organiza- tion and Facilities		— - - - - Marine Climate	
— - - - - Topography		— - - - - Oceanography	
— - - - - Urban Areas			
— - - - - Railroads			
— - - - - Highways			
— - - - - Inland Waterways			
— - - - - Ports and Naval Facilities			
— - - - - Merchant Marine			
— - - - - Civil Air			

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

- a. Regular user of NIS publications
- b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- Principal source of information
- Secondary source
- Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available
- Supplies corroborative information
- Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:

(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- Not readily available
- Not sufficiently current
- Too summarized and generalized
- Too detailed
- Only marginally related to my needs
- Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

Yes No Why? _____

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

Excellent Good Adequate Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major shortcomings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) _____

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _____

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

Signature (optional)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIS Producers

FROM : National Intelligence Survey Committee
SUBJECT : NIS Producer Questionnaire

The attached questionnaire is an integral part of an overall effort to assess the validity of the current NIS concept and to ascertain and enhance the utility of the NIS Program to the community. Because the data compiled from the questionnaire will be critical to future NIS planning, please respond fully and precisely to all questions that apply to you. The completed questionnaire should be returned by 1 March 1969 using the envelope provided.

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